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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## **Introductory Comments:**

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003 for two months from May 11, 2003 to July 11, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension.